

TEACHER QUALITY SUMMIT

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Information

The Council on Postsecondary Education and the Council of Chief Academic Officers in cooperation with Eastern Kentucky University will sponsor the third Teacher Quality Summit at the Perkins Center, Eastern Kentucky University, October 9 and 10, 2003. This summit will continue the efforts of the first two by enhancing the statewide plan and individual institutional plans for improving teacher education in Kentucky. The theme of the summit is to place “A Highly Qualified Teacher in Every Classroom.” The program also will support ECU’s implementation of a statewide Model Teacher Education Program in Kentucky. The model program, funded by the Education Professional Standards Board, will involve participation of public and independent colleges and universities as well as community colleges and K-12 schools in a collaborative effort to prepare new teachers and provide opportunities to improve the knowledge and skills of current teachers. The Teacher Quality Summit III will include P-12 superintendents, teachers, and agency representatives as well as political leaders. The conference will promote greater coordination of state, postsecondary, and P-12 efforts to provide new and current teachers with the academic knowledge and teaching skills they need to ensure schools can meet standards of proficiency by 2014.

The CCAO committee on education includes three chief academic officers: Barbara Burch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Western Kentucky University; Michael Moore, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Morehead State University; Lyle Cook, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Eastern Kentucky University; as well as Jim Applegate, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Council on Postsecondary Education. The director of the Model Teacher Education Program is Mark Wasicsko, Dean of the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University.

Jim Applegate will present information on the upcoming summit.